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SUBJECT: DUTCH CANNOT FUND SSR IN LIBERIA

REF: A. SECSTATE 103184

¶B. WITMER-SILSKI EMAIL 3-12

¶C. SECSTATE 37244

¶1. (SBU) As reported in ref b, the Dutch are unable to provide any funding for security sector reform (SSR) due to political and financial commitments elsewhere in Africa. The Netherlands previously supported efforts in Liberia by stationing the Dutch Navy's LPD HrMs Rotterdam off the coast of Monrovia for three months. The Dutch MFA is nevertheless interested in sending a representative to the May 25 post-assessment meeting at the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia. Post will forward details (name, etc.) upon receipt.

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